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**CENTRAL MONTANA REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**A Consortium of Health Care Facilities**  
**Dedicated to the Care of the Trauma Patient**

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**CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2007**  
**Benefis Healthcare, Great Falls, MT.**

**PRESENT:** Michael Orcutt, MD, CRTAC Chairman, Great Falls  
Lauri Jackson, APRN, CRTAC Secretary, Great Falls  
Pete Lucas, RN, Great Falls  
Scott Schandelson, RN, Great Falls  
Tim Sinton, PA-C, Choteau  
Ellen Steinar EMT-P GFES  
Dan Jans, PA-C Cut Bank  
Carol Kussman, RN, Helena  
Riki Handstede, RN, Havre  
Alice Schultz, RN, Conrad

Justin Grohs, EMT-P, GFES  
Jennie Chelmo, RN, Chester  
Jeremy Virts EMT-P GFES/GFFR  
James Laidlaw EMT-P Cut Bank  
Jason Head RN, Cut Bank  
Jackie Knox, RN, Conrad

**GUESTS:** Bobbie Perkins State DPHHS  
Jennie Nemec, RN, State Trauma Coordinator  
Kim Todd RN, State Trauma System

**ABSENT:** **Representatives from:**  
**Shelby**  
**Townsend**  
**Big Sandy**  
**Fort Belknap**  
**Rocky Boy**  
**Fort Benton**

**RMRTS Planning Committee Meeting:**

Completed brochures for the upcoming RMRTS were distributed. Conference this year is Sept 6-7 in Great Falls. Topics include evolving issues in trauma care, rodeo trauma, environmental and chemical emergencies, battlefield medicine, and rural nursing issues. Much thanks to Jennie Nemec & Kim Todd for their help with the planning committee in light of the Benefis Mercy Flight accident. Scholarships for registration fees are available from the CRTAC grant fund.

The Central Montana Rural Trauma Advisory Committee (CRTAC) was called to order at 1245 PM. Benefis Healthcare hosted a luncheon prior to the meeting. Roll call was taken. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Introductions were made: Lauri Jackson was introduced as the new Trauma Coordinator at Benefis Healthcare

## **STATE TRAUMA CARE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND STATE TRAUMA UPDATE:**

Jennie Nemec reported the TEAM course is being restructured to make it more accessible and to increase the number of instructors. Chester is still being considered as a CRTAC Beta test site for the restructured course. The roll out for the restructured course will probably now be after the first of the New Year.

Kim Todd relayed that by September all facilities will have had a trauma visit. The HRSA grant helps to get hospitals prepared for trauma designation. Grant \$\$ are still available. Harlowton and Chester are preparing for trauma designation.

State Trauma care Committee meeting in Helena on August 13, everyone is invited to attend.

## **CRTAC SUBCOMMITTEES:**

### **1. Injury Prevention and Public Education:**

- ATLS was held in March 2007 in Great Falls.
- The completed 2007 nursing education is as follows:
  - March – ENPC – Great Falls
  - April – TNCC – Great Falls
  - May – ENPC Instructor Course – Great Falls
  - May – ENPC Browning
- Upcoming courses
  - September – ENPC – Great Falls
  - October – TNCC – Great Falls

♦ If you need to schedule a TNCC or ENPC course for your facility, please contact Mary Fry-Davis, Clinical Educator @ Benefis Healthcare via e-mail: [davimarf@benefis.org](mailto:davimarf@benefis.org).

### **2. Pre-Hospital:**

PHTLS course was completed in Browning in April.

Upcoming ; PHTLS Chester October

### **3. Regional Trauma Plan:** No report available at this time.

### **4. Quality Improvement:** One case of a tiered response to a fatality MVC was reviewed. It was felt to be an example of our trauma system working well. Discussion was held regarding the case.

*Facilities within the CRTAC please provide cases for review. The reviews are completed in a non-threatening environment as an educational process only. The intent is not to criticize, however to learn!! This has generated very positive discussion and feedback in the past.*

**STATE TRAUMA REPORT:**

Jennie presented state trauma stats as well as those that are specific to the Central Region. She also reviewed the State Trauma Care Committee performance indicators:

- 1) Ambulance trip reports on the medical records of all patients arriving by ambulance, this includes air ambulance and interfacility transfer.
- 2) Trauma patients with ISS  $\geq$  15 who stay at the original (transferring) facility for  $\geq$  6 hrs
- 3) ED time  $\geq$  2 hrs & ISS  $\geq$  15
- 4) Trauma patients who die with ISS  $\leq$  15
- 5) Patients with ISS  $\leq$  9 who are not intubated

**STATE INJURY PREVENTION REPORT:**

Bobbie Perkins, DPHHS Injury prevention discussed ideas to promote the success of SB300 – “the seat belt law”. This law failed in the recent legislative session. Members of the CRTAC were challenged to think of “local” ideas to promote the success of this bill. A list of how each district’s legislative representative voted on this bill was distributed.

**CRTAC EDUCATION GRANT FROM THE GENERAL FUND:**

There is currently \$8434 dollars available in the RTAC grant for education. Members of the CRTAC will continue to provide education to regional facilities for either a reduced or completely deferred cost. Scholarships for the registration fee to the RMRTS are available from the RTAC grant.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1515 after roundtable.**

**The CRTAC 2007 Meeting Dates are as follows:**

1. January 25
2. April 26 (cxl'd)
3. July 26
4. October 25

**Start time will be @ 1230.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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